

4 Everything's Better in Twos

THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE — OR CAN THERE?
Styli-Style has introduced its new line of Slide Shadows (\$7.50, styli-style.com), 10 shades named for famous couples. (We like the blue-on-blue Ron and Nancy and the two-tone gray of Fred and Ginger.) The best part about the duos is the wand, since it's attached to the cover and just slides out. Like any good couple, the shades work just as well together or separately.

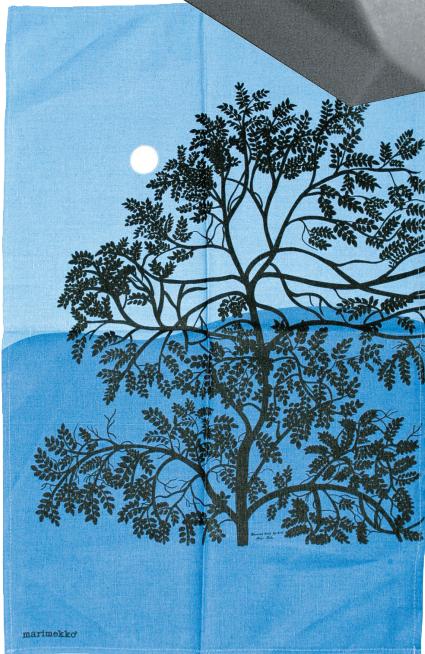


Grab Bag

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My, You're Looking Finn

ALL THINGS ARE BRIGHT and beautiful at Go Mama Go! (1809 14th St. NW; 202-299-0850), so Marimekko's bold prints fit right in. New patterns from the mod Finns include Aukusti, with groovy peacocks on a dark background, and puu kuutamossa, an indigo and black nightscape. Get them on kitchen textiles (like a tea towel, right) and a high-ball-ready tray.

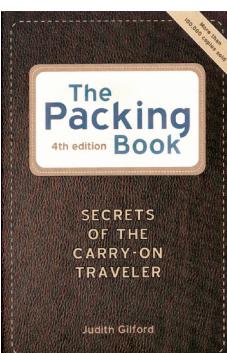


1 Fitting to a T-Shirt

WITTY T-SHIRTS ABOUND. But we love local boy Dan Lachman's new site, sharpshirter.com. The Bethesda native and Wesleyan sophomore said he founded the company when "I came to the conclusion that I really didn't want a boss." The preshrunk cotton shirts (that's "Transphoner," above; there are 10 other equally hip designs) are \$15. Go Bethesda!

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Getting There in One Piece



5 ADVICE ON WHAT TO lug when you travel gets outdated fast. Judith Gifford's new edition of "The Packing Book: Secrets of the Carry-On Traveler" (\$13, Ten Speed Press) as yet holds no info on the liquid bans of late. It does, however, detail her complex "bundle" method and recommend an "easy-care" haircut instead of a hair dryer.



3 Spacing Out For Furniture

SIZE DOESN'T MATTER, except on King Street in Old Town. That's where Kosmos Design and Ideas couldn't fit its grander pieces in its shop dedicated to rustic-mod furnishings. So it's expanded to a warehouse/showroom (805 N. Royal St.; 703-837-1955; kosmosdi.com) that's spacious enough to display king-size beds, banquet-ready dining tables and oversize lamps, like this resin and hand-painted piece from Italian designer Vincente Collazo (\$309). Antiques mingle with the store's specialty—recycled teak from old buildings, docks and boats transformed into consoles, benches and wine racks.

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBOOKER

I love heels, especially the stacked ones out for fall. But I'm 5'10" and would hate to break the 6' mark. Is it possible to have heels cut down? —MAGGIE

■ Manolo says, ayyyyyy! Have you shame woman? Yes, of course you may have the heels cut down, although the Manolo doubts that any reputable cobbler would desecrate the beautiful shoes in such a manner, so you would have to do it yourself, perhaps with series of inexpert blows delivered forcefully with the small hatchet.



The real problem here, it is not with the shoes—the poor, innocent shoes—but in the stead, the habitual and unnecessary insecurity of the tall girls. It has been the experience of the Manolo that too many of the tall girls worry that if they wear the heels they shall appear freakish, and will not be able to attract the mens. And so these beautiful girls spend their lives slumping their shoulders, slouching around in the flats. Bah! The Manolo would have none of this! Throw back the shoulders and wear the heels, and the mens will fall over themselves attempting to climb your heights.. Wake up Maggie, and put on these beautiful stacked-heel shoes from the Marc Jacobs (\$334, zappos.com).

Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.



ON THE COVER

Express Top Model Nancy wears a Cynthia Steffe dress (\$415, Neiman Marcus) and a necklace by Mila Medina (\$150, Caramel, 1603 U St. NW; 202-265-1930). Photo by Michelle Repiso. Styling by Lauretta McCoy.